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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HURT).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 30, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ROBERT HURT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes each, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING DANIEL P. MULHOLLAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of a man who has been an institution within an institution: Daniel P. Mulhollan, the director of our Congressional Research Service, who will retire next month after more than 17 years at the helm of CRS and nearly 42 years of service to the Congress overall.

To say that Dan is an institution around here is really an understatement.

In many ways, he has personified the growth of CRS from a relatively small division of the Library of Congress into the world-class source of objective and authoritative research and analysis that it is today.

Dan first joined what was then the Legislative Reference Service as an analyst in American national government in September of 1969, fresh out of his doctoral training at Georgetown. At the time, just two of the 435 Members currently serving in this House had been elected to Congress—and a fair number serving here hadn't even been born yet!

For the next 25 years, Dan steadily acquired seniority and respect within the Government Division of CRS, excelling as both an analyst and a division chief. When the Librarian of Congress, Dr. James Billington, conducted a strategic review of the Library's priorities in the early 1990s, Dan was tapped to help ensure that the Library's services were as relevant as possible to the Members, committees, and staff that it exists to serve. This assignment led him to assume the role of Acting Deputy Librarian of Congress, and when CRS found itself in search of a new director a few years later, Dan was a natural fit.

As director, Dan has continued to exemplify both the analytical depth that is at the core of his organization's mission and the strategic vision needed to bring CRS into the 21st century. He expanded the service's ability to bring interdisciplinary scholarship to bear on complex issues of policy, recruiting scientists and engineers to work alongside policy analysts and attorneys. He developed a personnel succession plan to ensure that CRS will continue to be able to recruit topnotch talent as older analysts retire.

Mr. DREIER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. I would be happy to yield to my friend from

California, who I know has made a special effort, given his leadership duties, to join us on the floor.

Mr. DREIER. I would like to join the gentleman from North Carolina in extending our hearty congratulations to Dan Mulhollan for his extraordinary service to this institution and, in particular, for the work that he has done to ensure that the House Democracy Partnership has been able to succeed.

I want to thank my friend for taking out this very important time, and I thank him for yielding.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. I thank my friend and colleague Mr. DREIER, the chairman of the House Democracy Partnership, which I had the privilege to chair for the past four years.

Dan Mulhollan and the Congressional Research Service have indeed been critical partners in our efforts around the world in developing democracies to increase the capacity of their parliaments.

Mr. DREIER. We should say we have four of them here, in fact, this week.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. We have delegations from four parliaments in town this week for workshops on committee operations. They're from Pakistan, Indonesia, some members from Iraq—

Mr. DREIER. Lebanon.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. And from Lebanon. That's right.

There are four groups of parliamentarians here this week, and the CRS, as usual, is a full partner in putting on workshops for these members, workshops that will help them strengthen their operations back home. These exchanges are very useful to us as well.

As my colleague has stressed, the main reason for the two of us being here to offer this tribute today is because of the support Dan Mulhollan has offered over the years: first to the Frost-Solomon Task Force, the precursor of our present commission,

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